

The Sacramento Beat

The State Assembly Saturday concluded a three-day hearing on California's water problems which left legislators and spectators alike with one universal impression—the water picture in the state is dark and serious and demands immediate attention of some kind.

Farmers and industrialists who testified before the lower house, sitting as a committee of the whole, painted pictures of stunted growth, return of rich farm lands to desert and total havoc if a drought should occur. In all areas where water resources have been developed, they reported, the water table is being overdrawn by millions of acre feet every year. And yet many more millions of acre feet run into the ocean, wasted and unused every year.

When the round-the-clock listening sessions were finished Saturday noon, solutions to the problem were coming thick and fast. However, no real consideration or bargaining is expected to begin until next week.

The conciliators will have a difficult, nearly impossible task, for they must mesh and work out the following different viewpoints:

1. Public vs. private, state vs. federal development of California's water. Proponents of the federal Trinity Project, mostly consisting of groups from the mountain areas and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley, are at odds with the backers of the state's proposed Feather River Project. Both workers are in the billion-dollar class. Focal point of the bitter fight is the proposed San Luis Reservoir, which the federal government proposes to link to Trinity and the state wants for Feather River.

The big farmers want the Trinity-San Luis hookup because the federal government has indicated it is willing to proceed immediately on both projects. The farmers also maintain that federally-developed water will be cheaper and thus are fighting the attempts of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. to get into the state water development picture.

On the other side of the

fence is Southern California and the lower end of the valley area. Spokesmen for that group claim they will pay over half the cost of constructing the Feather River Project, yet will get none of the badly needed water unless the state acquires San Luis, which will be the distributing outlet for either or both projects. The Southland group says the state must build the two-billion-dollar Feather project as soon as possible. If San Luis is not linked to it, this group then wants a detailed contract to be negotiated for joint federal-state use before the state gives permission to the federal government to build San Luis.

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation spokesmen who testified at the hearings are worried that Congress will not proceed with San Luis construction if strings are attached.

2. Metropolitan vs. rural. California's urban development, which has resulted in sparsely settled areas where the water is and big cities where it isn't, also comes into this complicated picture. At present, counties where the water originates have first claim on the precious resource. The cities are concerned that future development not be geared toward the farmers to the extent that the cities are left out. The San Francisco Bay Area wants various barrier proposals and other aspects of the salt-fresh water problem to be considered, while Los Angeles is looking for additional supplements to Colorado River water which is received at present.

Consequently, the more heavily populated areas are considering a constitutional amendment to modify the counties-of-origin laws.

3. The Assembly Industrial Relations Committee put down an attempt to raise the minimum wage to a \$1.25 per hour, but passed bills extending organizing and collective bargaining rights to firemen and district hospital employees. A bill to extend collective bargaining rights to all public

employees was dropped outright. The Assembly approved and passed on to the Senate a measure boosting unemployment insurance from \$30 to \$33 per week.

Out of committee and coming onto the Assembly floor are bills permitting wiretapping, backdating of the time school employees must swear they were not engaged in Communist activities, and two comprehensive bills setting up community mental health clinics and commitment procedures for state and county mental institutions. Passed out of Senate committees were bills setting up a state narcotics commission.

Mrs. Tillim Named To Welfare Council

Mrs. Herma Tillim, proprietor of an employment agency here and a member of the city's Recreation Commission, was elected this week to serve as secretary of the Harbor Welfare Planning Council.

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Torrance Cyclist Injured in Crash

John Paul Jones, 22, of 1654 W. 214th St., was taken to Seaside Hospital in Long Beach, Tuesday evening, after a motorcycle he was riding, spun out of control and crashed through a service station fence in Wilmington. He was treated for a fractured jaw, investigating officers said.

BUTTER SLUMP

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CAP in Two-Day Encampment for Group Practice

Closer integration of units and mission preparedness of the Civil Air Patrol was the keynote of the week end encampment at Mile Square Airport, Orange County, recently in which CAP personnel, planes, and ground equipment from Long Beach Group VII practiced the perfecting of teamwork in Search and Rescue Procedures.

Over one hundred seniors and cadets headed by Mission Commander 1st Lt. John J. Kirby of Torrance, participated in the two-day program which tested all phases from administration, operation of aircraft and rescue trucks, ground and air communications, flying safety, transportation, security, and medical to the problem of serving over six hundred meals in the field.

14 Planes in Two

Fourteen aircraft, including two USAF On-Lean aircraft, flew 50 hours under the direction of Warrant Officer Rich-

ard Weaver of Palos Verdes Estates, Mission Operations Officer. This consisted of familiarization of Search and Rescue techniques, Cadet Orientation Flights, Evacuation Procedures, Cross-country Training, and Spot Landing Proficiency.

A religious service was conducted on Sunday by the Group Chaplain, Major Arthur A. Atkins, assisted by Major E. H. Cleveland, Chaplain of Group 13.

Crash Simulated

Standing by during the week end was a USAF Crash Rescue Unit manned by personnel from Long Beach AF Base. Climax of the mission came during an actual demonstration of fire fighting and rescue techniques in a simulated crash. The men who volunteered for this duty included Fire Chief Ralph B. Goodman, Sgt. Kenneth Long, A 1/c Ralph Murphy, A 1/c John Giangola, A 1/c Clois Ray, and Airman Basic R. Kitchens, USAF.

Included in the Long Beach Group VII commanded by Major Davis C. Cochran of Torrance, was its full complement of five squadrons; South Bay Squadron 43, commanded by 1st Lt. M. C. Allman; Gardena Valley Sq. 41, commanded by 1st Lt. A. G. Vaughan of Torrance; Daylight Sq. 77, commanded by 1st Lt. Lyle Parker of Long Beach; Sq. 79, commanded by Capt. O. E. Jessing of Long Beach; and Sq. 93, commanded by Capt. L. D. Peterson of Long Beach.

Permission for use of the auxiliary field at Mile Square for this mission was granted to CAP through the cooperation of the Los Alamitos Naval Air Station.

RADIO POWER

The power of amateur radio stations in the U.S. is limited to 1,000 watts output and some use as little as 10 watts.

MAY 5, 1955 Twenty-one TORRANCE HERALD

Warriors in 16-Inning Victory Over Corsairs

Coach Doug Essick used a trio of pitchers Tuesday afternoon as the El Camino Warriors went 16 innings before downing Santa Monica in a Metropolitan Conference diamond duel at Santa Monica.

Jerry Parker, George Bishara and Gary Marks split the hurling duties for the Warriors, with Marks going the final nine innings and picking up the win. It was the eighth win in league play for the first-place Warriors. They have lost three times.

Slatkin went the full 16 innings for the Corsairs, giving up 14 hits. The Corsairs got 10 hits.

Bob Weiss was behind the plate for the Warriors during the 16-inning marathon.

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